

Captain Peter R. Nette



Commanding Officer, Naval Support Activity South Potomac

Captain Peter R. Nette received his Navy commission through Aviation Officer Candidate School in 1986 upon his graduation from the University of South Florida with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, and subsequently was designated a Naval Aviator in March 1987.

He qualified for aircraft carrier flight operations on USS Lexington with Carrier Airborne Command and Control Squadron VAW-120 in January 1989, initially flying the twin-engine C-2A Greyhound cargo aircraft. After training with VAW-120, he was assigned to Fleet Logistics Support Squadron VRC-40, supporting U.S. Navy aircraft carrier operations ranging from the western Atlantic Ocean throughout the Caribbean. While flying with VRC-40, he served as maintenance control officer, schedules officer, NATOPS officer, and squadron landing signals officer.

At the completion of his first tour, he transitioned to flying the ES-3A Shadow, a carrier-based, long-range electronic reconnaissance aircraft, and reported to Fleet Air Reconnaissance VQ-5 Detachment Five in Misawa, Japan, deploying with Carrier Air Wing Five on board USS Independence. While assigned to the VQ-5, he served as NATOPS officer, detachment landing signals officer and assistant officer in charge. He supported Seventh Fleet reconnaissance operations, China-Taiwan contingency operations and Operation Southern Watch.

Following this tour, he attended Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Ala., to complete Joint Professional Military Education (JPME) Phase One. He also earned a master's degree in public administration at Auburn University Montgomery.

With Navy's decision to decommission its ES-3A squadrons in 1999, he went back to flying the C-2A Greyhound, initially with VRC-40. He assumed the duties as officer in charge of the squadron's Detachment Two, deploying with the John F. Kennedy battle group in support of Operation Southern Watch. Returning from deployment, he served as maintenance officer until the completion of his tour.

In July 2001, he completed JPME Phase II and reported to U.S. Pacific Command headquartered at Camp H. M. Smith, Hawaii, where he served with the Joint Interagency Coordination Group for

Combating Terrorism in the Operations Branch, responsible for South and Southeast Asia country planning for combating terrorism.

In May 2004, he reported to VRC-30 as executive officer and assumed command of the squadron on May 5, 2005. During his command through July 2006, VRC-30 earned consecutive Battle Efficiency Awards supporting all aircraft carriers throughout the Pacific and Central Command areas of responsibility. Subsequently, he transferred to the Chief of Naval Operations' staff as Individual Augmentation Branch Head. In that assignment until October 2009, he was responsible to CNO for the Navy's Individual Augmentation requirements across the joint force for both active and Reserve forces.

Following a tour with Commander Pacific Fleet as special programs officer supporting Pacific Fleet operations, Captain Nette assumed command of Naval Support Activity South Potomac on Sept. 19, 2011.

During his career, Nette has logged 2,850 hours and 430 arrested landings aboard 18 aircraft carriers. His awards include the Legion of Merit, Joint Meritorious Service Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, three Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, and various unit and service awards.